

**CITY OF KANKAKEE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SUMMARY OF MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I will call the meeting to order. We will move on to prayer by Alderwoman Malone Marshall and move on to the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderman Faford joined by City Council Members. Moving on Item 4 Public Comments. Due to COVID-19 and social distancing the city of Kankakee has modified procedures in order to accept public comments, please submit all public comments to publiccomment@citykankakee-il.gov no later than 3:00 P.M. on Monday, October 5, 2020. City Council meetings are accessible through Comcast Channel 4, which is our government access channel. The city of Kankakee YouTube channel and also the city of Kankakee website. We have two Public Comments for this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

LEE ANN FLOWERS:

I am very disappointed in the council. I am frankly embarrassed to be represented by people who value profit over people. The very people who elected you all into your positions that you hold. The people of Kankakee have been very clear in their support of the Fortitude Shelter being Downtown. The space provided is centrally located, beneficial for the guests of the shelter as it is within walking distance of all the services the city holds for low income citizens. One of the aldermen stated she spoke to 5 people and 4 of them did not want the shelter. I have spoken to hundreds, and they have all been for it. And knowing that there are over 26 thousand people in the City of Kankakee, I think an elected member of the city council could have put in more time and effort than speaking with only 5 people. The disappointment I feel for my city is immense.

KIM BACON:

Greetings to this Council, I was saddened to hear the vote that we will not allow the Fortitude Outreach Homeless Center here at the St. Paul's Lutheran School Building. Fortitude is a wonderful outreach to those less fortunate within our community. It is run with integrity,

accountability and kindness. I fail to see how this would negatively affect future development. In fact, it shows that Kankakee is a welcoming and caring community. Since homelessness is already here and most likely will be worse this year it just doesn't make any sense. For us to see those homeless people freezing and then just try to just look away is heartless. The polls that have been taken within the community indicate that approximately 75% of the residents approve of the Fortitude Homeless Shelter. Please try to represent the will of the citizens of Kankakee rather than being driven by money that might eventually show up. This is so sad (5th Ward).

ROLL CALL

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alright, those are the Public Comments we'll move on to a Roll Call of the city council.

CLERK DUMAS: **PRESENT:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(13) Present (1) Absent

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Department Heads.

CLERK DUMAS: **PRESENT:** Kosman, Schuldt, Kubal, McGrath, Schiel Nelson, Bertrand, Hoffman, Brewer-Watson.

MINUTES

MAYOR WELLS ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Item 6 Minutes from Tuesday, September 8th, 2020. May I have a motion to approve?

ALD OSENGA: So move.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Any discussion on the minutes? Hearing none, we will do a Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Minutes for Monday, September 21st, 2020 will be provided at a later date. Moving on to Petitions.

PETITIONS

ITEM 7A: PB 2020-8-1 Ordinance Approving A Conditional Use Permit to Crown Automotive For A Used Motor Vehicle Sales Business At 305 South Washington Avenue, Kankakee, Illinois.

MIKE HOFFMAN: Thank you Mayor. As noted this is a request for the operation of a used car dealership at the southwest corner of Washington and Station. Many of you will remember that the previously was a used car dealership on this side of Arack auto which moved to the northeast corner of that intersection, we recently approved the conditional use for that, and researching this property we could we never found an existing conditional use. So, we asked the automotive to go through the process, they did. We held a public hearing before the Planning Board in September. They recommended unanimously approval with six conditions. The applicant was agreeable to all the conditions. They included, making sure that there's at least nine spaces for customer parking and a maximum of 25 cars for sale on the property at one time. We're moving the string flags that were on the site. Keeping the parking space car stops that are separating the parking area from the sidewalk, continue to keep the curb cuts clothes that are closest to the intersection of Washington and Station, that no car repairs shall be done on the property, and that they provide evidence of property ownership and a lease, which they have done. So, we don't really need that number six is the condition because we have verified that, with all of that has been recommended for approval by the planning board, the conditional use.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: If there are no objections, May I have a motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the passage of the ordinance?

ALD LEWIS: So move Mayor.

ALD TALL: I will second the motion.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Lewis and Seconded by Alderman Tall. Roll Call please, this is suspension of the rules.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the ordinance on final passage?

ALD LEWIS: So move Mayor.

ALD TALL: I'll second the motion.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Lewis and Seconded by Alderman Tall. Any discussion on this item?
Alderman Brown?

ALD BROWN: Did we already approve this?

MIKE HOFFMAN: No. There was no conditional use on file for this site. We did approve Arack auto but they were, they moved to the northwest northeast corner of this same intersection so we approved Arack at their new location, (*inaudible*) needs an approval for this location of the south, west corner.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Any further questions. Alderman Crawford?

ALD CRAWFORD: Mike is this on North corner. That is also two different two different owners.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: You were a little distorted but it sounded like you were asking if these were two different owners and if they are located in two different locations on the corner. Is that correct?

ALD CRAWFORD: Yes, correct. Okay.

MIKE HOFFMAN: Yes, different owner's different corners. That's correct.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay. Alderman Curtis?

ALD CURTIS: Thank you. You mentioned about keeping the parking blocks separating from the sidewalk code is there anything

in there about not parking the cars between the curbs around the sidewalks. That seemed to be a problem on the last place that was there seemed like they would there.

MIKE HOFFMAN:

There is and that was the reason I wanted to keep those curb stops is to keep some separation there but there's no specific condition saying you can't park on the sidewalk, other than it's illegal anywhere in the city but condition you certainly could.

ALD CURTIS:

It just seemed what the last one, it was, it seemed like they parked a lot between seemed like they blocked the sidewalks an awful lot of trying to add an extra car to there and I just think they need to the cars need to stay inside of those parking blocks in my opinion.

MIKE HOFFMAN:

For sure.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: So that's an enforcement issue, Mike?

MIKE HOFFMAN:

Yeah, I think so.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, noted it. Thank you. Any other discussion?
Alright, we'll do a Roll Call please

CLERK DUMAS:

AYES: Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 8 Communications.

COMMUNICATIONS

ITEM 8A:

Establishing City of Kankakee Halloween Hours from 4:00 P. M. until 7:00 P. M. on Saturday, October 31st, 2020
(*Information Only*).

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I have looked back at 2018, our police department held a Trunk & Treat and they did them from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. and then in 2019, we did them from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. So just to be flexible and to let families have some fun time with their kids. Since there's such a rough year I went ahead and set them 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. We do have some recommendations on the Illinois Department of Public Health in terms of social distancing and masks and

making sure that you only give out candy that is already wrapped and so forth. Jasmyne has posted those on the website and on social media. So, the Halloween hours are established. I think Alderman O'Brien you were asking about someone in the 2nd Ward, they wanted to do a party or something.

ALD O'BRIEN:

Yeah, we have a resident who typically would have some kind of an event in conjunction with Halloween, so he wanted to know if we're gonna have it or not so he can plan accordingly so just knowing will be helpful. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, so that's Halloween. Moving on to Item 8B.

ITEM 8B:

Notice of Public Hearing for the Proposed Riverfront Trail Phase IIIA Project on Thursday, October 15th, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. (*Information Only*).

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Neil is not here tonight, he's got a couple other things going on this evening. Item B, we just wanted to put it on the agenda to have it in another location so that the public is aware that there's a public hearing. I think I saw something today before I left the office that you've posted it's not the Jasmyne for public hearing? Moving on to Item 8C.

ITEM 8C:

Notice of Public Hearing for the Proposed South Schuyler Avenue Road Improvement Project on Thursday, October 15th, 2020, at 6:15 P.M. (*Information Only*).

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Item C, again, these are just on the agenda information but to be in another spot so the public knows that we had public hearings that are coming up on the project on these projects, both of these. We already have approved Neal to apply for ITEP grant. So, I believe those are typically starts in November and he'll keep us posted on that. Moving on to Items 8D and 8E.

ITEM 8D:

City of Kankakee, United Way, and Kankakee School District #111 are requesting Street Closure of the 500 Block of South Elm Street Between East River Street and East Bourbonnais Street to Host the Strong Neighborhood House Block Party on Saturday, October 17th, 2020, from 12:00 P.M. until 6:30 P.M.

ITEM 8E: Charlene Miller is Requesting To Reschedule the Noise Permit at 826 North of Fifth Avenue to Host “Birthday Parties” on Saturday, October 26th, 2020 and Sunday, October 11th, 2020 from 12:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M., with Rain Dates on Saturday, October 17th, 2020 and Sunday, October 18th, 2020.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: If there are no objections, I like to combine Items 8D and 8E. May I have a motion to approve please?

ALD GALL: I so move.

ALD COBBS: I second the motion.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Gall and Seconded by Alderman Cobbs. Any discussion on either of those items?

ALD COBBS: I have a question is Item D is going to be on a, would it be a city included event on the city website?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: The neighborhood block party will be advertised on the social media sites. Yes.

ALD COBBS: I just want to share with my neighborhood organization. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: You’re welcome. Any other discussion. Okay, we'll do a roll call for those.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Crawford, Osenga, O’Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Thank you. Moving on to Item 9 Standing Committee Reports.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM 9A: Economic Development – Alderman Tetter
The meeting was held on Thursday, June 25th, 2020
Highlights include: So, we did have a meeting, I'm not going to go through all these but we did have a Director's Report. There were five development projects that were currently being worked on three was in retail, and to have multi use developments. We had three potential craft

growers, the cannabis companies applying for state licenses, we'll just have to wait and see what happens there. Under the Old Business. We did review the Bounce Back Business Assistance Program, there were 50 applications that were received. And we had a review of design guidelines. There was a motion made by Alderwoman Gall and it was seconded by Alderwoman Lewis to move forward, or to adopt it and to pass that forward to the city council, there was the roll call vote made for that. Under New Business we had Mike Hoffman review the proposed TIF's. There was a number of TIF's that were added or, and it was Alderman Crawford who wanted to see a commitment of TIF funds to be used for incentive programs. He asked us to survey of business owners in a proposed area to get their feedback on ideas. I like that the boundaries go into the north side of Kankakee. Mike proposed making that area a special service area, similar to KDC. The bottom line is, Director Brewer shared the proposed city-wide outdoor dining program to the committee, more work needs to be done. And ECDA team is surveying restaurants and bars for their feedback. Alderman Curtis explained the KDC program for the other committee members he stated KDC buys the furniture and restaurants rent furniture from KDC. The city of Kankakee stores the furniture during the winter months. KDC invested \$30,000 initially into this program there is maintenance calls estimated to be at \$3,000 to \$4,000 every year. Director Brewer data proposal to update the city's opportunity's zone prospectus from Link Point Media for \$1,000. Alderwoman Gall motioned and Alderman Cobb second, it was Roll Call vote and the motion carried. Under Alderman comments. We have a public (*inaudible*) East Court Gateway project. Mr. Hoffman explained he will be moving forward with that. And we asked about the BP restaurant or service station here on East Court, as (*inaudible*) was a follow up to BP now is open, and there was a motion by Alderman Crawford and a Second by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Adjourned at 6:51 P.M. Thank you, your honor.

ITEM 9B:

Public Safety – Alderman Brown

The meeting was held on Tuesday, September 9th, 2020
Highlights include: Thank you Madam Mayor. First of all, we didn't have the public comments in our last agenda. So, we want to make sure from now on that we do that, to give the public a chance to send public comments to public

safety. The other thing is, the fire department, the bills you can see, just highlighting the new software that they get in the fire department should be commended for the outstanding job they did. In the report they had some COVID test positive and they were able to not use a whole lot of overtime. They were making sure that basically everybody was safe and all the reports were done. Fire damage for the month of August, came back to be \$90,990 in fire damage. So, they had a busy month in the fire department. On the police side, Chief Kosman reported the bills and you can see the shots spotter, we paid \$24,700, and that was for the sensors that are now being placed around town, and the dispatching training, as well as the Comcast dispatch bill and you can see what that leads to. I want to highlight is pretty much the shots fired reports, because I want to make sure people understand that based on this report. There's nothing (*inaudible*) on, we see 13 guns for the month of August. I think a lot of time people don't think we get guns off the street and not only their reporting but when they make these stops and stuff like that they are seizing and get them off. So, I just want to make sure that is highlighted. The thing we talked about is the civilian Review Board. And we had a discussion on the Bloomington, Illinois Civilian Review Board Model. And that model is more like an appeal model is, if the citizen or the complaint is not satisfied with the City Inspector, or the Investigator Agent's outcome, and they can appeal this to the citizen Review Board. It's another oversight board that wants all the investigation done in house, and it can be looked at outside the department. What they do they look at the police policy procedure in training, and some of the responsibility of this board is to make sure to basically do this, the citizen educated on how they work and how to make complaints and how they are handled. They meet quarterly, and they invite the public come to those meetings to discuss what they can improve on. They will they would receive training through the National Association of Oversight Review Board. I hope test that will be good but anyway and then that board could be appointed by Aldermen from each ward and Alderwomen and the Mayor, but the Mayor could designate each Aldermen or appoint somebody to it. We did have a discussion on the ATV dirt bike discussion, and there is an ordinance pertaining to the registration of insurance, and parent's responsibility for letting youth ride these ATVs and dirt bikes on private property streets. These were sent to legal

for further discussion, and we adjourned at 6:45P.M. Thank you.

ITEM 9C:

Building & Code – Alderwoman Malone Marshall

The meeting was held on Thursday, September 17th, 2020

Highlights include: Thank you Madam Mayor. We did have a quorum. We had bills approved for \$2,240.64. We also looked at the Animal Control bill, and we noticed that there were several abbreviated terms that we weren't familiar with. So, Tomora we'll be defining those terms for us at our next meeting. We also discussed some concerns that the landlords had brought to Code with other people about tenants hoarding, and the responsibility being put on the landlord and trying to find out if there's any type of assistance that the landlords could get in handling this.

Alderman Brown suggested that they handle it through a lease agreement with the tenant, but they were actually asking if there was any other type of way, being that Code gives them the ticket that they can get some assistance from code. So Director Nelson suggested that maybe they could go through the fire department being that it would be a fire hazard and she also said that she would be willing to work with one of the landlords that did come to the Code meeting on that night, and possibly if she would appear with the landlord maybe the tenant would be more prone to work on the hoarding issue that was there. We also discussed the Airbnb establishment, because the Code department is trying to find out how they should classify the Airbnb. Alderman Cobb suggested that we look into how other municipalities are handling it and Alderman Brown said that it was zoning and permits to be established before one of these should be established. So we need to check with the City Clerk's office. Then Alderman Faford stating that we should look at a bed and breakfast and see how we have handled those in the past. There is a concern about whether or not we have used commercial dumpsters for the Airbnb's, an opposed to just the garbage dumpsters being that there's usually more trash than a residential garbage. Also, Director Nelson's was saying that the bed and breakfast are inspected, as well as, the Airbnb's. So, we would just be doing further review on what's going on with other areas for the Airbnb, because we have seven of them here in the city. We are adjourned the meeting with no further discussion.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Stacy Wilken

with our Convention and Visitor's Bureau was looking into this issue as well. So, you all may want to touch base with her Alderwoman, and see what progress she's made.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Thank you.

ALD COBBS: Madam Mayor, question...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman Cobbs?

ALD COBBS: Is it possible to have Ms. Wilken at the code meeting.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I have no idea.

ALD COBBS: Thank you Mayor.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderwoman Malone Marshall can reach out to her and see if she's available, it may just be a phone call or a quick email to see if she has a status. Okay. Alright, moving on to Item 10A Reports of Officers.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

ITEM 10A: City of Kankakee - \$1,121,673.83

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to accept the Reports of Officers?

ALD FAFORD: I move we accept the report of officers placed the money in the proper accounts and approve the bills in the amount of \$1,121,673.83

ALD LEWIS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Faford and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Any discussion on any of the bills?

ALD TALL: Yes, check number 76921 Hill Mechanical for \$299,577.80.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: This was part of a sales tax sharing agreement and I'm going to turn it over to Elizabeth if she can give everybody an update on this one.

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Yeah. Thank you Mayor. This is one of the final ones we are still investigating there's anything else pending but this company as you recall, never sued us they were basically waiting to see the outcome of the sales tax litigation. And

then our attorney advised us that there would probably be a phone call after that occurred and we've been working out the details of this for about the last 9 to 10 months. We definitely did have money set aside for them from September of 2012 through January of 2014, we had already due to deallocation situations or letters that we'd received from IDOR, we had already started basically, putting the money aside for this company. Prior to the Hartney case, they actually only sourced just for a short time after that. So, Attorney McGrath has been working with them and now we work with the CFO as well and we came to with all the Tammy's wonderful records and my department's records. This was the amount that is owed, we came within \$100 of it. We had a few correspondence issues, we had to work out with IDOR because of the situation where we received some letters as you recall, we used to get very hard to understand letters during that era from IDOR, and we did receive those we had to clarify that none of that money had been deallocated. Once we finally got those answers we were able to prepare this for a final payment.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Elizabeth. Are you good Aldermen Tall?

ALD TALL: Yes.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay. I think I saw Alderman Curtis hand. I will get to you Alderman Osenga?

ALD CURTIS: I had the same question.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman Osenga?

ALD OSENGA: Yes, Mayor Thank you. On special accounts, (*inaudible*) companies. Check#1206 for \$136,831. What project is that for?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Brookmont Boulevard.

ALD OSENGA: Okay, thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: You're welcome. We did have a lot of the rebates for Indian Meadows as you probably can see what those (*inaudible*) that are not usually on our on our ledger and some good insurance too. Elizabeth and you want to touch on that?

ELIZABETH KUBAL:

Yes. So with our change over to Paycor, as you all know we always see the Blue Cross Blue Shield bill on your list of bills once a month you know it's a sizable bill we've always paid that one through AP. In the past, prior to Paycor we paid the IMED bill which under here is Fidelity Insurance Life it says that is actually our IMED which is our vision insurance and then we also have the one on the second page Metropolitan Life Insurance Company that's actually our dental plan, MetLife. So, those used to always be paid through basically a payroll check, a vendor check that would come from payroll and we would send those off because those are all employee paid, not one dime of city money like, the general fund side goes toward that that comes from our employees paychecks. With Paycor, it doesn't work the same way with their payroll vendors. So now we will be running those through AP as well. The money simply gets placed in a liability account and then when the money is expensed and a check is cut, then it gets pulled from that liability account and sent back out to those vendors. So now, instead of just Blue Cross Blue Shield you will also see these other two on a monthly basis.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: That was Fidelity Security Life which on this ledger is checked number 76915, and then Metropolitan Life which is our dental, which is 76940. Okay, alright. Alderman Tetter?

ALD TETTER:

Thank you. I noticed this the rebates for Indian Meadows. But this here it says Villages of Indian Meadows. I've never seen villages I've always seen individuals who live there, but that was for \$11,000 that's check number 76956 and is that to a corporation of individual just what? I've never seen Villages of Indian Meadows.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: That's tied to the owner Mr. Gerard, correct?

ELIZABETH KUBAL:

That's correct.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Yeah, and there are six properties... Alderman Tetter?

ALD TETTER:

So this is a Mr. Gerard, that is?

ELIZABETH KUBAL:

Yeah, it's his company he's deceased now.

ALD TETTER:

Okay. And also, right below that, Wayne Decker for

\$7,000.00 is that more of the same?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: That's Indian Meadows.

ALD TETTER: Okay, thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: You're welcome. Anybody else? Good questions. Okay we will go to Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Faford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall (*abstain on check#'s 3041, 3042, 1207 and 1208*), Malone Marshall, Prude
NAYS: Tall, Crawford
(11) Ayes (2) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 10B.

ITEM 10B: Community Development Agency - \$124,733.00

ALD TETTER: I move that we pay the bills for CDA in the amount of \$124,733.00.

ALD COBBS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tetter and Seconded by Alderman Cobbs. Any discussion on those bills? Alderman Osenga?

ALD OSENGA: Sign of the Times check#1011 for (*inaudible*).

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Barbie, I'll defer to you.

BARBIE BREWER-WATSON: Those are the census billboards, that were paid out of the census grant.

ALD OSENGA: Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: And just so you all know that BBK is the Bounce Back Kankakee Program, those checks. Alright, Alderman Crawford?

ALD CRAWFORD: Could you tell me what number that was again for Signs of the Times. What check number was that?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Check #1011.

ALD CRAWFORD: Okay, thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Anybody else, any discussion? Okay, we will go to a Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Faford, Crawford (*abstain on check# 1011*), Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
NAYS: Tall
(12) Ayes (1) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 11A Unfinished Business we have none.

ALD COBBS: Correction Mayor.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman Cobbs?

ALD COBBS: I didn't hear a Nay. I heard an Abstention.

CLERK DUMAS: Alderman Tall had a Nay and Alderman Crawford voted Aye but he abstained on a check number.

ALD COBBS: Thank you.

CLERK DUMAS: You're welcome.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Moving on to Unfinished Business we have none. Item 12A New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 12A: Recommendation to Approve Service Agreement Between the City of Kankakee and Tropicante Latin Dance Music in the Amount of \$1200.00 for Providing Music at the Kankakee Train Depot on Saturday, October 3rd, 2020.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: As you all know, this is Hispanic Heritage Month started September 15 through October 15. We've been planning this event for several months. I want to thank Linh, Jasmyne, and Patrice (*inaudible*) Moran, who was really helpful with this. This particular group is from Iowa and they were monitoring our COVID situation and sent the contract over on Thursday, October 1st. So, that's why it was just included in this packet. This is part of the diversity and inclusion series. The last part we did three-part series

every year, and this was the last part to celebrate. I want to thank our city departments the police were there for Hispanic Heritage Month several of our Hispanic officers, including new hires Jackie Mendez and newly promoted Sergeant Jose Martinez. We had various community organizations, and 15 vendors so it was well attended. I did see some elected officials come out as well. So, I need a motion to approve

ALD TETTER: So move your honor.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tetter and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Any discussion? Alright, we will do a Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. We have no Appointments. Moving on to Item 13 Motions and Resolutions.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

ITEM 13A: Re-Proclamation of Declaration of Local State of Emergency (*Information Only*).

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: We still are under the Declaration of Local State of Emergency. We are in Phase 4 of Restore Illinois. Our case positivity rate has been going down. However, people are still getting COVID, and recent cases as of this week have some people that I am aware of. I will give a little bit of an update from the health department about that but as we move into flu season just to remind everybody you know to keep washing your hands regularly keep social distancing and wearing a mask is helpful, because we want to make sure that we keep everybody as healthy as possible so we are continuing under the Local State of Emergency Phase 4.

ITEM 13B: Proclamation Declaring September 15th – October 15th, 2020 As National Hispanic Heritage Month (*Mayor reads Proclamation*).

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to approve the Proclamation?

ALD LEWIS: I so move Mayor.

ALD COBBS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion made by Alderwoman Lewis and Seconded by Alderman Cobbs. Any discussion? Okay, Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 13C, 13D, and 12E.

ITEM 13C: Resolution of Honorary Street Designation of the 400 Block of North Greenwood Avenue as "Honorary William H. McCarty Avenue".

ITEM 13D: Resolution of Honorary Street Designation of the 1000 Block of East Maple Street as "Honorary Bishop Doris Stroud Way".

ITEM 13E: Resolution of Honorary Street Designation of the 1900 Block of East Spruce Street as "Honorary Amos and Edith Wallace Drive".

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman Tall, would you like to share the work you guys did on the committee?

ALD TALL: Yes, we reviewed all of the requirements for each and every one of these resolutions, and they passed, five votes to none. And we would like to recommend these all for approval tonight.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: And of course because we're in COVID, we're not doing a ceremony yet. Tony Turro who makes the signs is out as well. So, I will read them tonight because we will schedule some time so do this with the family. Alderman Tall thank you and your committee. May I get a motion to approve those three resolutions?

ALD TALL: I make a motion that we approve all three Resolutions as they are presented.

ALD GALL: I'll second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tall and Seconded by Alderwoman Gall. Any discussion on these items. Hearing none, Roll Call please

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
ABSENT:
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Item 14 there is no need for an Executive Session. Item 15, there's no action. Item 16 City Council Comments starting with Alderman Curtis.

ALDERMEN & ALDERWOMAN COMMENTS

ALD CURTIS: This Thursday we have Licensed & Franchise meeting and Alderman Crawford's going to be running that meeting. That night so I want to let everybody know that because it is a small meeting, we will be meeting in person in the chambers. I wanted to mention that. Barbie, will you be providing an update on the, you provided to us on the CDA committee will you be providing an update, just on the ring cameras that you talked about? Can you do that? Okay, Thank you.

ALD CRAWFORD: Yes. Two of them. One of them was on the council meeting. I would like to hopefully see us start meeting back in the chambers again and holding a limited up to 50 people possibly at least having a few public people in there for comments and stuff. Then my second question was also on the ring camera so Barbie is going to update on that that'd be great. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: You're welcome. And you emailed me about the public meetings and I responded back to your email. I have had a couple of residents from the 3rd Ward reach out to me so if you all want to host meetings for your wards, you can. I know some of the other wards have used Zoom to do that if you're concerned. Like I said the public has access to the meetings, through YouTube, through the internet. YouTube internet and Comcast Channel Four. I'm going to continue to monitor for COVID as I said we're going into flu season so the public does have access. But if you want to start

meeting with your residents in a 3rd Ward, I have received some comments about that.

ALD CURTIS:

Yes, Mayor. We have had some conversations about our Third Ward meetings and what the majority of our people that the constituents that come to our meetings are mostly over the age of 60, and the church that we normally hold it at still won't let us hold any public meetings, at that church, so the only possibility we would have would be a Zoom meeting.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, thank you Alderman Crawford. Alderman Brown?

ALD BROWN:

Thank you Mayor public safety meeting tomorrow at 5:30 P.M. in the City Council chambers, and some of the stuff that we discuss in the special meeting will be discussed in that meeting, including the ring cameras, and gun buyback program. So, that's going to be tomorrow at 5:30 P.M. Thank you.

ALD TETTER:

I want to bring to the council's attention. This is from the Illinois Department of Transportation. Alderman Brown and I have received telephone calls and in person visits regarding the proposed 312 improvements. And this letters here, I'd like to talk, share this with Mike Hoffman, and it states that several of the homeowners along is I57, which would be east of him is has been informed that some of their properties are being considered to be taken for or used by the state for this improvement. This is the first time that myself or Alderman Brown has heard of residents, having to give up some of their properties but I have a letter here, and I certainly would like to get this in the hands of the other Alderman and certainly to our city planner and engineer, because there's a deadline here for October 31st for comments and this is the first time we've heard of them wanting to take properties. We were aware of that 100 block of North Hammes, would be discontinued and those (*inaudible*). Thank you, Mayor, for that. But this this this matter about properties taken or a portion of their land taken. I would like to have some discussions about that, because I wasn't aware of it, and I'm certain that that's the same for Alderman Brown as well. So, I'd like to provide that information to the full Council, Mayor, and Planner.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: And Neil.

ALD TETTER: Neil. Okay, thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman O'Brien?

ALD O'BRIEN: Thank you. Following up on our meeting last Tuesday regarding public safety over the weekend we had some events in the 2nd Ward. Talking with the residents in the area that are most affected by this, they had a request that we consider the they've had good success in the past in their area with the eye in the sky cameras. And I explained that we have limited availability of those right now, but they did ask an interesting question. They asked if we could lease a number of those, and have a number of just for a short time for the immediate future. So, I said I would pass that along and ask the public safety committee and administration to look at that as well so just passing that along.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, thank you. Alderwoman Malone Marshall?

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Thank you Madam Mayor. I just wanted to let the rest of the council know that the 1ST Ward is planning a cleanup on October, the 24th from 9:00A.M. to 1:00P.M. If you want additional information, we will be meeting at Auto Lab on Schuyler and we'll be going out from that place. We will have coffee and donuts, and then we'll go out. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Alderman Cobbs?

ALD COBBS: I had a couple of my constituents with the same concerns as Alderman Brian. I look forward to tomorrow's Public Safety meeting being very interesting.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Looks like Mike Hoffman has put something in the chats. So, I'm gonna go to him first and he just did the briefing you of you can see it.

ALD COBBS: Mayor I think we forgot Alderman Tall.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I thought I called Alderman Tall...I shut you off. Okay, I apologize.

ALD TALL: It's okay. I have one issue tonight and its with 304 South Washington Avenue. This is a tire shop across from the

auto shop that we just approved. They have some standing tires and disabled vehicles that are always parked in front of the property. This is the same building that I have been talking about where they're asking their customers to use the bathroom outside. So, we need to address some of their public issues.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Chief Kosman you got that? You or Willie DC, I'm sorry.

CHIEF KOSMAN: Yes, I got 304 South Washington tires and disabled vehicles out in front.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: You got it right. Okay, Alderman Tall is that it?

ALD TALL: That's it for tonight.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, thank you. Alright, moving on to the Department Heads, we will start with Mike Hoffman as he just gave you guys a little message in the chat.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

MIKE HOFFMAN: Thank you Mayor. Yes, IDOT is actually is seeking public comment.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Mike, you're frozen. Okay, I'm gonna come back to you, Mike because you're frozen. Neil is out we'll go to Barbie. Mike are you there? Okay, we can hear you again.

MIKE HOFFMAN: Okay. Anyway, if you google IDOT Kankakee I-57 Interchange, you'll get a lot of information about their proposed plans for that area. So, I think that's worth everybody checking it out. You can provide public comments directly on the website. So, that's something that these residents who have gotten an inquiry should definitely do, and probably the city should as well and we'll review it with Neil and come up with a good response. The second thing I wanted to mention real quick mayor was it came up earlier about how the city handles bed and breakfast. We treat them as a major home occupation which would mean that anybody that wanted to operate Airbnb will need to get a conditional use permit to do it. I've actually done a fair amount of research for other communities on Airbnb's and that kind of stuff. So, I've got data so whoever's in charge let me know and I'll be happy

to give them to you. But the big thing is that you want to make sure that...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: You can connect with Alderwoman Malone Marshall

MIKE HOFFMAN: Got it, will do. The main thing is just want to make sure that you're licensing those and able to collect the hotel/motel tax so that it's a fair playing ground with all the existing businesses operating in that realm. That's all.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Yeah and that was the concern of like Stacey Wilken doesn't because the CVB is hotel tax. So, that's why I was recommending that you touch base with her as well.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Thank you. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Mike. Barbie?

BARBIE BREWER-WATSON: Thank you Mayor. Just to piggyback off what Mike Hoffman said, we are working with the IDOT team to put the links on the city website because the I-57 312 Interchange stuff was already on the ECD a page from previous work with IDOT. So, we're updating all that with them, and then we'll get it over to the rest of the outreach team to get that all out on social media, so that people can comment. I just want to say I know it's scary when those residents get those kind of letters, but we're years away from that. And there will be, if necessary, a relocation strategy that's built into this whole plan. So, that's why feedback from them right now is so important because they're going to build all that in there, but I just want to. We've talked to a couple of those residents too and just, you know, it's not happening anytime soon. This is one of many phases that we're going to be in before we get there. So, I just want to reiterate that to you. But we'll get all those links updated so that you guys can just click from the website, straight to their survey information. Just briefly census. We are at a 58.1% self-response rate for the city. So, the door to door number is not figured into that. The event numbers, so all of the census people you've seen at local events and farmers market their numbers are not built into our numbers that we have. So, I know it's very complex and you're like, why can't you just have a whole number. I don't have access to those systems within the Census Bureau. I only have what I'm assigned. So, I want to let you know we're at 58.1% but it's higher. We just don't

know how high that number really is but we still have more work to do. This issue has been in court about when the census count is going to end. California has been really leading the charge on that. So as of today, the census is going until October 31st. So, you will see census people still out this month, they were out at the library today, working with people. We're going to partner with them to get them at other you know community events or food pantries or whatever but we're still doing that work. So, just wanted to let you know about all of that. The camera program. So, we did receive \$5,000 in donations for helping people be able to get access to ring cameras for their door. I started the paperwork. My goal is to get it to legal for review before Wednesday. And that way we can get it back. I am going to take some personal time so when I get back next week. Hopefully that's back then we can review it. If we need to call some sort of special meeting or whatever, I'll get with the Mayor about approving it. I've now worked as far as you will want me to work and the residents are eager. Alderman Brown, do you want me to attend the public safety meeting tomorrow?

ALD BROWN:

You are always welcome.

BARBIE BREWER-WATSON:

I don't want to duplicate efforts if you guys have something going on too. So, I will show up and work with you. I think that's it for me for right now.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Demo did we get some additional...

BARBIE BREWER-WATSON:

Yeah, I got some questions about demos, in the last couple of weeks, and then recently today too. So just to let you all know I can read you these addresses but for 2018 to currently, we've demoed 8 properties. So, those are completed, there's another five in the pipeline that we're going to start the bid process for, if weather allows we can get those done. And then there's five more after that that have the legal process completed but I like to work with Tomora to reach out to the property owner one last time before we show up with the fence and all the permits on the doors and do the bid processing and all that other stuff so we've been working on demos, I think we've spent over \$200,000 in demos in the last two years, way over that. I just recorded in the CDA committee meeting to that we applied for another \$250,000 grant to help us with light and demos. There, we still have \$20,000 left in the abandoned

properties program that we're getting property approval for to do another demo. So, we're the ECDA team is doing these if anybody has any questions. The demo list that we have is not a complete list. I will share with you what I have, but it's not, it's not a full complete list, it's a list that I have that I'm working with. So, and it's the one that I'm confirming demo orders of working with Tomora on. So, it's kind of a working list, but I can share it with you. Also in the CDA committee we have a map in my report that kind of lists out all the projects for all of our projects or housing stuff. We're going to put that map on our website and make it interactive so you can click on the different projects for housing. See what projects are going on across the city. Since I've been here I've been very dedicated to making sure we're working in each ward. I don't want to just be spending time and money and one Ward over the other. So, I know some people have asked me some questions about where these projects at. I've been doing my best to make sure they're all across the city at all times. So, I'll try to make this information more accessible I know we get just started busy with the projects and we keep going. And maybe, it feels like we're not communicating as well as we need to. So, I will find ways to get better at that so you can see how many projects we have going across the city in housing, and blight and clearance, and demos and all of that. So, I will do better than that. Okay guys? Thanks.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thanks Barbie. And I mean some areas of the city have more blight than others. So, we have to use our resources where they're needed as well where I appreciate you being mindful of every Ward. Okay, Chief Kosman?

CHIEF KOSMAN: Good evening Mayor, members of the Council. I do want to use, you touched on it but I just wanted to make sure that the Council knew. Last week, because of recent retirements we promoted Jose Martinez to Sergeant and we hired to Patrol Women, Jacqueline Mendez on Thursday and Kara Lee Small on Friday. We will have a pinning ceremony for Sergeant Martinez, when we start having regular meetings again. And then the other two officers are that were just hired, they'll be going to the police academy in Champaign at the Police Training Institute for their basic training. When they complete that training, we will introduce them to the board also. We have been working on our testing process so our police officer test. The list expires in January, so we will be giving a test now the test is

November 21 so we're accepting applications now. We were out this weekend at the Hispanic event with the officers passing out information on the test and we'll be around the community, making sure everybody knows about it and putting it on our website. And it's also, it's already on the (*inaudible*) line for anyone in the public looking for the application can apply online. It's at the blue line website and we'll be accepting applications through November 4th. In reference to the meeting last week, we've already started a lot of the working on suggestions or in programs that we had from that. The high intensity patrols will be starting later this week, and that'll be including Illinois State Police, County Sheriff's, KMEG in our newly formed the community. Response Unit will be out with those, the engineers from the shotspotter were out last week with Commander Etzel identifying getting permission from businesses and homeowners for putting up the sensors. So, according to them once they have all the permission sign for that which they're working on they'll be out again tomorrow. It'll be a matter of weeks before the system's up and running. So that should be soon we'll have a kickoff meeting for that also. And, in regards to the cameras. We were looking into how much your cameras cost we found out about the two cameras that one company that we've utilized for to buy them. They're usually around 40,000 \$50,000 per camera. They have a couple of units that they use as that lease program like Alderman O'Brien was probably talking about that we're able to get less than \$20,000 each. So, the school district with a grant that they have for the criminal justice grant, they're telling us that they're going to be purchasing those. So, we'll be able to use those because it'll be able to be used in all the different bus stops in town which would cover pretty much the old town so we'd be able to have access to them, and then hopefully that won't be too far distant. We're trying to facilitate that purchase with connection between the vendor, and the school district, and then we'll have more to talk about tomorrow at the public safety meeting.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Public Safety tomorrow 5:30P.M. Thank you Chief. Elizabeth?

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Thanks Mayor, just a couple updates. I want to remind everyone that the Budget Committee meeting is not next Monday due to Columbus Day, but it is next Tuesday, the 13th at 5:30P.M., and we will have that in person still. And

then the other thing, I want to update is that we do have on the schedule now, I will go into more details about this at the budget meeting on the 13th, but we do have the two dates in October for both the sewer bonds call with SNP and then the geo bonds call with SNP. So those are scheduled and we're getting closer.

STEVE BERTRAND:

I wanted to let everybody know that tomorrow we will be having our candidates forum which is cosponsored between the NAACP and the Library. However, we will have very restricted seating. So, the best way to see it is that it will be recorded and posted on YouTube. The following day, we are having an invitation by the candidates (*inaudible*) for having people who will actually be in the auditorium for the event so you can see it though, the day after tomorrow. And I'd like to let everybody know too that for the first time in our history we will be closed for Indigenous People Day on Monday and so the Library will be closed on Monday, and that's all I have things running well at the library.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I like that, who are the candidates?

STEVE BERTRAND:

The candidates are. Thankfully I have in front of me. This the first one will be state representative so it's Jackie Haas and Charlie Eads and then that's 5:30P.M. The second one at 6:45P.M. will be Eric Wallace and Patrick Joyce the State Senate. The recordings, I will separate into two different recordings in case you have more interested in one over the other so you can budget, either or both. Thank you.

PETE SCHIEL:

Thank you Mayor. Thank you Council, just a few updates were diligently moving forward with the buildings that the city has acquired. We're also working on a couple projects with IDOT, especially one located around Grinnell road, we're working with the engineers from IDOT just wanted to share a couple of those updates. Thank you.

JASMYNE HUMBLE:

I'm actually out in the lobby so I apologize, if it's echoing out here. Thank you Mayor, Hello everyone. I just want to remind everyone that we have Mingle with the Mayor this Saturday at (*inaudible*) from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. it's coming up quickly. I also wanted to thank everyone who participated in the Hispanic Heritage celebration for the first time I thought it went very well. There's a lot of people

out there and it was just really nice to see our community come together for that. And that is all that I have.

MAYOR'S UPDATES

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: So just quickly, had a call with the Health Department last week. They are anticipating that a vaccine is going to be available for COVID 19 early 2021. It's going to be a two-step process very similar to Hepatitis so once you are given the first shot, you'd have to get the next month, administered 21 to 28 days. They're going to have a tiered system in terms of who has access to the vaccine, of course it's going to be patients who need it, you know, who are ill. First respond first responders health care workers, long term care facilities, and then as it becomes more available, it'll be more accessible by the public. We are going to be looking at some locations to have some sites set up in the city for them to administer the vaccine. They're anticipating that in the first quarter of 2021, it'd be more available for the community, and it will be eventually offered to all ages. So, I've already reached out to the School District. Dr. Walters graciously advised that whatever they need to do to be helpful with this they will. I also reached out to *(inaudible)* at the park just to say the same thing. So right now, the Health Department is just in the early stages planning where they want to stop fights throughout the county, but I just wanted to let you all know that we're anticipating a vaccine 1st quarter 2021 and then they'll start administering those vaccines. Special City Council meeting again, I want to thank everybody that came out for that. As I informed you in my update on Friday, that was the committee meeting on the whole and the vote was not on the agenda, want to make sure we're not being impulsive and that we're really thoughtful in our process, I didn't know the consensus of the council, we only have \$58,000 in our capital fund. So, I think that having some further conversations and public safety tomorrow will be helpful. I'm also looking at asset forfeiture I think that's a good way to utilize money to purchase those cameras in addition to the money Barbie has been able to secure from the community. I just want to remind me Alderman Curtis and Alderman Crawford, if you haven't seen Elizabeth yet. She will gladly take your checks. Barbie talked about the census so we're going to October 31st. So, again if he got up and just keep encouraging everybody to take the census. We appreciate

that. Also in my update the East Court gateway signage project. I can't see Alderman Brown...is going. Okay. Neil told me we're starting today so you should see construction over at Exit 312, which is going to be great to have that gateway entrance beautified for our city. Then next Monday on the 12th, the Safe Routes to School projects should be starting in front King Middle School so you've been planting a lot of seeds and now we're going to start seeing them construction which is exciting for our city. We already talked about Halloween hours. I wanted to remind everyone if anyone is in need of food or know families that are in need of food Amita we'll be hosting a mobile food pantry tomorrow at 3pm at St Rose Church so please feel free to refer people there. I just want to remind you guys to check your mailboxes. Anytime there's a nuisance letter sent out, you get a copy in your mailbox. And that is all that I have for tonight. So I just want to thank you all again. Public Safety tomorrow please continue to, to share your ideas and again the Halloween guidelines are on the website.

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to adjourn.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: So move Madam Mayor

ALD COBBS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Malone Marshall and Seconded by Alderman Cobbs. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed? Okay we will set a special meeting with an item for Public Safety to have a discussion and we will get some information established. Thank you